

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of Ohio**

Plaintiff

v.

**CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION
BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
AND ORDER OF REFERENCE**

Case Number:

Defendant

CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73, the parties in this case hereby voluntarily consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including the trial, and order the entry of a final judgment.

Signatures

Party Represented

Date

ORDER OF REFERENCE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this case be referred to _____ United States Magistrate Judge, for all further proceedings and the entry of judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c), Fed.R.Civ.P. 73 and the foregoing consent of the parties.

Date

United States District Judge

NOTE: RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT **ONLY IF** ALL PARTIES HAVE CONSENTED **ON THIS FORM** TO THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE.

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NOTICE & ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(1) and LR 73.1, a Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of Ohio may, upon consent of all parties to an action, and entry of an order of reference by the Judge, exercise trial jurisdiction in civil actions, both jury and non-jury, and enter final judgment therein.

If all parties to this action consent and an order of reference is entered, the case will be assigned to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to LR 73.1. If all parties do not consent, or if an order of reference is not entered, the action will remain with the Judge to whom it is assigned. The decision of counsel on this matter of consent is entirely voluntary. Your response is joint, and disclosure of individual decisions is not required.

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 73.1, Recusal, Resignation or Death of Magistrate Judge, where the parties have consented of the transfer of a civil case to a Magistrate Judge under section (a) above, if the Magistrate Judge thereafter recuses, resigns or dies, the case shall be returned to the District Court Judge. The Clerk shall immediately assign another Magistrate Judge by the random draw and notify the parties of such new assignment. Within ten (10) days after such notification by the Clerk, the parties shall indicate their consent, or lack thereof, to transferring the case to the newly-assigned Magistrate Judge under 28 U.S.C. §636(c). If the parties do not consent to the transfer, the case shall remain with the District Court Judge.

At the time the last appearance of counsel is made on behalf of the named defendant, the parties are to communicate with each other on this matter. ***It is the responsibility of plaintiff's counsel to initiate such consultation. The response is to be returned within ten (10) days of the last appearance.*** The response must contain the signatures of all counsel.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(3) all appeals relating to magistrate consent cases must be heard only in the court of appeals.

Please return the completed response form to the Office of Clerk of the Court as promptly as possible. If an order of reference is entered by the Court, you will be advised by the Clerk as to which Magistrate Judge the case has been assigned for further proceedings.

**Geri M. Smith,
Clerk of Court**

(See form on the reverse side)